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# Neeman, religious parties head for budget clash

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The Ministry of Religious Affairs yesterday expressed "shock" over what it said are Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's plans to abolish the state-funded religious councils.

In an official communique the ministry said that, in the course of a meeting with Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi yesterday,

Neeman unveiled plans to slash the ministry's budget, to dismantle its departments for religious and haredi education - which oversee all state-sponsored yeshiva funding - and to transfer the religious councils' functions to local government.

Neeman declined to comment on the reports, saying he would present his views on these matters at

Sunday's cabinet meeting.

Earlier this week Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz said "a crisis would erupt" if Neeman's previously reported intentions to maneuver haredi yeshiva students into the workforce through various fiscal measures were implemented.

Meanwhile, Israel Radio reported that Education and Religious

Affairs Minister Ze'ev Hammer said no one has consulted him on the Treasury's plans for structural changes and budget cuts.

According to Bibi, Neeman said he intends to reverse former finance minister Dan Meridor's decision to allocate an additional NIS 150 million to the ministry, and on top of that cut an additional NIS 37m. from the ministry's budget.

Referring to that, Bibi told Israel Radio he is "beginning to miss Meridor."

Religious councils cater to their respective communities in building and maintaining synagogues, ritual baths, and cemeteries. The Ministry of Religious Affairs has a decisive say in choosing their members, whose pay is similar to that of senior municipal employees.

Neeman also reportedly told the ministry he intends to strip it of its budget earmarked for aiding yeshiva high-schools, whether for boys or girls, Zionist or haredi. Instead, Neeman would like to transfer those funds to the ministry of education.

Last weekend Yediot Aharonot said Neeman would like to see Israel's haredim stop their depen-

dence on the national budget and instead join the national economy.

Neeman reportedly said he would affect this kind of change by sending all conscription-age haredim for 30 days of military service, after which they would be exempted from the army - but also cease to receive state funds as yeshiva students.

## IDF won't honor deal made with rioting prisoners

By BATSHEVA TSUR

In a controversial decision, IDF Judge-Advocate General Uri Shoham said yesterday the army would not uphold a major part of the agreement it signed with rioting soldiers in Military Prison No. 6 last month.

Shoham said that paragraph five of the agreement, which promises that "the rioters will not be brought to trial" would not be honored.

Describing this as "a difficult decision but the right one," Shoham said that the IDF is aware of "the integrity of the system and the ethical aspect of honoring agreements... but this is not an absolute value."

He justified the decision - which was taken after numerous debates within the legal system, including two lengthy meetings with the state attorney - on the grounds that "there are situations when one side... can, may, and sometimes is obligated to shake off its commitment... One of these is when it was signed under duress, extortion, and threats... and when the agreement is not signed with the full willingness of both sides."

The rioters are expected to be indicted, litm reported.

Neither Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein nor State Attorney Edna Arbel was willing to comment on the decision last night.

Shoham went on to describe how the rioters held their guards hostage for two days, after they had collected axes, knives, and clubs.

"There is evidence that there was a real threat to the lives of the hostages and to those who would try to enter (the jail)... as well as to the rioters who threatened to hurt themselves," he said.

Shoham stressed that the first objective had been to prevent bloodshed. In the long run, however, he added, it was decided that it was better "not to get across the message that taking hostages and threatening people is the type of event that does not warrant a severe legal response."

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## Dow Jones soars 3.4%

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The Dow Jones industrial average chalked up its biggest point gain ever yesterday, as it surged more than 257 points.

Based on unofficial data, the Dow ended up 257.36 points, or 3.4 percent, at 7,879.78, beating the 186.84-point leap on October 21, 1987.

Only last week, the index of 30-blue chip stocks crumbled 265 points on concern that the market was overvalued after climbing to an August 6 record close of 8,259.31.

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A woman signs a condolence book at the British Embassy in Tel Aviv yesterday.

(Israel Sun)

# Seven Diana paparazzi face manslaughter probe

PARIS (Reuters) - All seven photographers held after the car crash that killed Princess Diana and her companion Dodi Fayed will be investigated on counts of suspected manslaughter, causing bodily harm and failing to assist accident victims, their lawyers said.

Lawyers for the Fayed family say the photographers caused the crash by pursuing Diana's car at high speed but the suspects' lawyers deny their clients were responsible. The driver, who was also killed, was legally drunk at the time.

A lawyer for the paparazzi who said he had examined the 350-page investigative report given the judge said there was no mention in that document that any photographer had zig-zagged in front of Diana's Mercedes on a motorcycle just before the crash, as had been alleged by a lawyer for Mohammed Fayed, Dodi Fayed's father.

Lawyers for the photographers, who have been in custody since shortly after the fatal crash

in a Paris road tunnel early on Sunday, acknowledged to reporters on Tuesday that all of

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those detained had taken pictures at the accident scene, but said none of them believed they had done anything wrong.

Two men - Nicolas Arsov of the SIPA agency and freelance Laszlo Veres - were freed without conditions while three others - Jacques Langevin of Sygma, Serge Arnal of Stills and Gamma agency motorcyclist Stephane Darmon - were ordered not to leave France during the investigation.

Christian Martinez of the Angeli agency and Gamma's Romualdo Rat were freed on bail of 100,000 francs (NIS 57,000) and had to surrender their press passes and drivers licenses.

A judicial investigation in France, which is roughly akin to pressing charges, can but does not necessarily lead to a trial.

Lawyers said the inquest could last several months.

The luxury Mercedes-Benz carrying the princess and Fayed crashed into a concrete pillar as it sped through a road tunnel early on Sunday in an apparent attempt to shake off photographers pursuing the couple on motorcycles.

Investigators said the car was travelling at high speed when the driver, Henri Paul, apparently lost control. They said that the level of alcohol in Paul's blood was three times the legal limit.

However, prosecutors denied published accounts that the vehicle's speedometer had been stuck at 196 kph by the crash impact. The speedometer was stuck at zero, they said.

The hearings are to help the judge decide whether and on what grounds to investigate each of the seven paparazzi.

The inquiry specifically tar-

gets photographers and will seek to establish whether they took pictures rather than inform the police of the accident and help the victims, or hampered rescuers, justice sources said.

A flurry of bizarre conspiracy theories have sprouted on the Internet and crept into some news media about the death of Princess Diana, most of them morbid and many probably wrong.

Within hours of her death in a Paris car crash, conspiracy theorists began appearing on the Internet, including one assertion that she hadn't died at all and was faking her death to escape the media.

Others had her rubbed out by the makers of land mines, which Diana had long campaigned to ban worldwide, or by people intent on keeping her from marrying an Arab Muslim, Dodi Al Fayed.

Even Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi weighed in on Monday night, saying the British and French secret services arranged the accident because they were annoyed a British princess might marry an Arab.

# ITV: Troops told to stay in path of fatal blaze

## 5th brushfire victim buried

By DAVID RUDGE

The Golani Brigade soldiers caught in the brushfire that swept through their ranks in a wadi in south Lebanon last Thursday, killing five of them and injuring five others, reportedly asked permission several times to evacuate the area, but at first received no answer.

According to soldiers who have given testimony to the committee of inquiry set up by Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, their commanders then told them to stay.

The allegations were reported last night on Channel 1.

Hundreds of people, including members of the Ethiopian community from all over the country as well as comrades-in-arms, attended the funeral of the fifth victim, Sgt. Shumato Kasahoun, 21, of Rishon LeZion, yesterday afternoon in the military cemetery of his hometown.

According to Channel 1, the unit of 15 soldiers had split into three

squads and taken up ambush positions, when two squads of gunmen were spotted. Four of the gunmen were killed in the ensuing gun battle with no casualties among the IDF soldiers.

According to the report, based on the testimony of the soldiers involved, one of the units, led by the squad commander, Lt. Ophir, was in the central site low down in the wadi, with another one to the right, which was in touch with the third command in the rear. The third unit was at the junction of two wadis.

When the gunmen were spotted at about 9:30 a.m., the forward field command post was manned by a junior officer. He was joined by the battalion commander about two hours later.

In the meantime, a haze broke out, apparently as a result of artillery and mortar fire. It started to the north of the force and afterward another haze broke out to the west of it.

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# Gov't cuts aid to Galilee, Negev

By JENNIFER FRIEDMAN and SARAH HONIG

The Ministerial Committee on Economics yesterday reduced the number of cities and settlements that qualify as priority regions for investment aid and tax benefits.

The Lower Galilee region, which was previously considered Development Area B, will no longer receive preferential treatment. Settlements in the southern Kinneret region have been downgraded from Development Area A to B, as have settlements in the Northern Negev, such as Yeroham.

The plan, which will reduce overall governmental aid to Development Area A by 2%-3% and Area B by 5%, will save NIS 100 million annually, a spokesman for the Prime Minister's Office said.

Cities and settlements located in Area A receive the maximum amount of aid for education and the most incentives for purchasing land.

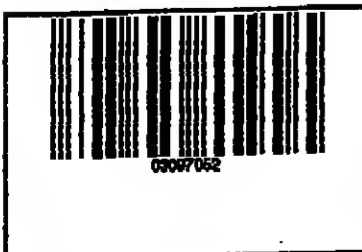
The committee also decided to cut aid to wealthier areas, such as Karmiel and Upper Nazareth, located within priority zones.

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in brief

Bentsur to attend UN arms parley

Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur leaves today for Geneva, where he will address the 60-nation UN Conference on Disarmament. Israel was accepted as a member of the UN body last year. Among the other Middle Eastern states which belong are Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Egypt. Eitan's speech will explain Israel's approach to disarmament "particularly with regard to our region," Foreign Ministry spokesman Aviv Shiroo said. Jay Bushinsky

Jericho synagogue rededicated

The newly renovated Shalom Al Yisrael synagogue was reopened in Jericho yesterday with Knesset members, IDF officers, the head of the Civil Administration and other dignitaries attending. The entire project was coordinated with the Palestinian Authority and was funded by the Civil Administration at a cost of NIS 250,000, taking several months to complete. According to Civil Administration spokesman Lt. Peter Lerner the project included refurbishing the structure, paintwork, installing electricity and air conditioning as well as carpets. Margot Dudkevitch

Baby, youth, dead in car crashes

Hadas Azoulai, aged four months, was killed yesterday when the car in which she was riding swerved into the opposite lane and struck a commercial vehicle near Safed. Her mother Orly, 25, who had been driving, was seriously injured. The driver of the van was slightly injured. In another accident, one man was killed and two injured when an ATV overturned near Moshav Hagur. Tim

7 brothers arrested in Bethlehem area

Security forces yesterday arrested seven brothers in the Bethlehem-area village of Khader. Palestinian sources said about 30 soldiers and security agents arrived at the Sbeith home at 3 a.m. and whisked away the suspects. Family members greeting reporters today insisted that the brothers were not active in Islamic militant groups. Security sources, meanwhile, said they are tracking down the whereabouts of two Palestinians missing since mid-August and believed to be in the custody of Palestinian Police. The two were identified as Ahmed Rajde, former mayor of Samoa, south of Hebron, and Ahmed Khleyleh, both 63. Steve Rodan

Netanyahu proposes Azzam prisoner swap

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu conferred for an hour yesterday with Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Bassiouny on the conviction of Azzam Azzam on espionage charges. Sources said Netanyahu proposed a deal in which Egypt would release Azzam and Israel would free the Egyptian nationals in its custody. There was no indication whether the proposal was deemed feasible or whether Bassiouny will convey it to his superiors in Cairo. The legal process with regard to the arrest and conviction of Azzam has not yet been fully exhausted. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told President Ezer Weizman last night. The two also discussed the peace process, a Beit Hanassi spokesman said, but Azzam was their main topic. Mubarak assured Weizman that there would be a continuation of the legal process and asked that the Egyptian legal system be given some time to deal with the affair, which he described as complicated. Mubarak also promised to give Weizman regular updates and said an attempt would be made to find a solution. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa rejected Israel's criticism of the verdict, saying, "The conviction is a judicial matter."

Pardee Institute of Jewish Studies shares in the sorrow of Larry Zalzman on the death of his mother MENUCHA FRADL bat Shlomo Todros ZALZMAN 71 and prays that the family will be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

With great sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather HANS AVRAHAM BACHRACH 71 on September 1, 1997, 29 Av 5757 (Erev Rosh Hodesh Elul), in Melbourne, Australia.

The Jewish Federation/Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago mourns the loss of Ambassador ZVI BROSH and extends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Audrey, and their children Joel Stone, Dr. Steven B. Nasatir, Linda Epstein, Director, Israel Office

DEATH OF DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES Following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, condolence books have been opened at the British Embassy, 192 Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv, and at the British Consulate General, 19 Nashashibi Street, Jerusalem, for members of the public. The books will remain open in the public areas of the Embassy and the Consulate up to and including September 3. The Embassy is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Consulate is open from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

By STEVE RODAN

Palestinian officials are skeptical that the visit of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright can lead Israel to carry out redeployment in the West Bank and implement other elements of the Oslo Accords. Instead, officials said yesterday, they want Albright to understand that failure by Israel to redeploy and lack of international funding for the Palestinian Authority will lead to an explosion in the territories. It is a message that has been repeated in Palestinian media over the last week. Meanwhile, the officials said the PA and Israel are preparing to put on their best face in advance of Albright's arrival. They have agreed to another meeting, scheduled for last night, of representatives of Palestinian security forces, the General Security Services, and the US Central Intelligence Agency to discuss the Mahaneh Yebuda bombing investigation and the terrorist threat. "No one should raise expectations of one visit of Madam Albright," Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said. "What we hope for is that she will engage to support the foundations of the mechanism required for the accurate implementation of the agreement." Erekat leaves today, with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's deputy, Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), for Washington to discuss the Albright visit with State Department officials. Erekat said the Palestinians will be seeking from Albright an Israeli commitment to withdraw from the territories, an end to construction in eastern Jerusalem and the West Bank, and implementation of previous agreements. This includes the opening of a airport and sea-

Settlers stone Arabs in Hebron

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Hebron settlers prevented the continuation of work on Sbhada Street yesterday morning, chiding that it was a severe safety hazard. They said work already completed in other sections was seriously flawed and in some places the sidewalks were less than 15 cm wide making it impossible to push strollers along. They claimed the height of the sidewalks would not prevent a swerving car from hitting children or anyone else walking along them. "The living space here is very small and we will not allow anyone to choke us," said Jewish Community spokesman Noam Arnon. He added that the Hebron Jewish community had sent letters to the Prime Minister's Office as well as the Defense Ministry and IDF Central Command demanding that the plans be re-evaluated and changed where necessary. The part of the road currently in dispute runs past Beit Hadassah and Beit Schneerson. As tempers flared between Jews and Arabs, settlers threw stones at a tractor working at the site smashing its front windshield. Police arrested two Palestinians and the American foreman. Judea and Samaria Police Spokesman Opher Sivan said the Palestinian tractor driver became aggressive after stones were thrown and settlers disrupted the work. He resisted arrest and pushed the glass from the smashed windshield towards the police. Another Palestinian came to his aid. The police arrested both. Meanwhile, Sivan said foreman David Moorehead, an engineer working for USAID, started swearing at policemen. He was arrested too. Moorehead told reporters at the site that stones were thrown from the roof of one of the settlers' buildings and that a settler fired an air gun at the tractor shattering its window. "There was an agreement between us and the police to protect us because settlers have stoned us many times," he said. Sivan said the three were released later in the day from police custody but police were continuing to search for the settlers who threw stones.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street, Joe Cornsra, Bureau Chief of Newsweek will address the Club.

Palestinian officials skeptical about Albright's visit



Palestinian policemen check laborers' permits as they pass through the Erez checkpoint in the Gaza Strip yesterday, after Israel eased the closure to admit an additional 4,000 workers.

port, release of prisoners, safe passage between Gaza and the West Bank, and the release of funds allocated for the PA. "The trust level between us and [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu is below zero," Erekat said. "We need the help of a third party." PA officials have urged Palestinians to remain calm until the PA declares that US efforts have failed. The preparations for the Albright visit come as the PA continues to be short of funds. Arafat yesterday

sent Planning and International Cooperation Minister Nabil Shaath on a tour of several Western European countries to obtain money to pay civil service salaries and continue key projects. Shaath said he believes Albright will have to return to the Middle East more than once to secure a breakthrough. But he said he is optimistic that the visit was being preceded by talks by Palestinian and Israeli delegations in Washington. Officials, meanwhile, said that 12,000 laborers would be allowed to enter Israel today, half from

Gaza and half from the West Bank. Yesterday, 4,000 laborers were allowed to cross the Green Line. Israeli officials have pledged to do more. Yesterday, the government coordinator for the territories, Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Orr, met with Nablus Mayor Ghassan Shaka and discussed political and municipal issues. Orr, his aide said, raised the anti-Israeli propaganda rampant in the PA-controlled media. Shaka complained of the closure, demolition of unlicensed homes in Area C, and refusal to

permit an industrial zone in Area C. Israel has suggested that the zone be placed in Area B, in which the PA only has civil authority. David Rudge adds: Leaders of the Jewish community on the Golan are calling on Albright to visit the Heights and meet with them during her upcoming visit. "We the elected representatives of the 32 Jewish communities on the Golan Heights anticipate your visit with much hope that through your efforts Israel will reach a state of peace for our future generations," the leaders wrote to Albright.

Israeli-Turkish-US naval exercises set for November

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Joint naval maneuvers involving Israeli, Turkish, and American units are scheduled to be held in the Mediterranean Sea from November 15 to 25, with search and rescue operations as their main purpose. Syria slammed the American role in what Damascus termed "Turkish-Israeli naval games," expressing "astonishment" that the US is willing to participate while preparing for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's effort to rescue the Middle East peace process. Reuters quoted a Syrian Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying the announcement of the war games was "astonishing and could not be

understood." His Israeli counterpart, Foreign Ministry spokesman Aviv Shiron, said the exercises aren't meant to threaten any state in the region. Shiron said Egypt and Jordan had been invited to join and that there would not have been any objection to Syrian participation as well. These maneuvers were planned a long time ago, he went on, and were a direct outcome of high-level contacts between the Israeli and Turkish security establishments. However, Reuters quoted the Syrian spokesman as saying the war games are "a desperate attempt to pressure Syria to change its principled stand. But everybody should understand that Syria will not change its position in the peace talks with Israel, which is firm."

A senior Israeli government source doubted whether Damascus's outcry against the maneuvers would prevent Albright from conferring with President Hafez Assad in the Syrian capital. The fact that the exercise is taking place was first disclosed in the Turkish Daily News and was confirmed afterwards by Israel's embassy in Ankara. A US Navy official was quoted by the paper as saying the three participating countries will hold a final planning session in October. "We have not yet locked in a date for the exercises," he said. "It could very likely be in November." A Turkish military delegation is to visit Israel next month to discuss the details, the paper said.

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The plan met with scathing criticism across the political spectrum. Among the first to lash out against the idea was National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, who issued a statement from his home where he is recovering from a leg injury. Sharon vowed to appeal against the decision at the next cabinet meeting. "This decision will seriously damage the development of both the Galilee and the Negev... The committee which decided on the changes is simply ignoring the real situation of these regions," he said. Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom found it "exceedingly regrettable that the committee had to take this step just now. Its timing could not have been more

unfortunate, just as we are seeking ways to help the North." Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak said that the decision was "rescinded at once. This decision is akin to robbing the needy." Meretz chief Yossi Sarid argued that "by removing privileges from outgoing settlements, the Netanyahu government yet again proves itself a taunting and a cheating government... Only yesterday it made far-reaching promises for additional aid and already it is depriving these settlements of the aid which already exists. Only the religious and the settlers stand any chance with this wicked government." The kibbutz industries, which operate hundreds of plants in the areas in question, also attacked the decision. At a managers convention in Givat Haviva yesterday, kibbutz industries chairman Micha Hertz predicted that "this decision will double unemploy-

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At this stage, the force several times asked permission to pull out. Only one request, however, was recorded in the forward field command post. At 1:15 p.m., it was recorded in one of the operation rooms that Lt. Ophir asked permission to leave the area. The response by the battalion commander, according to the report, was negative. The second unit reported that the fire was only a 700 meters away from them, but even closer to another of the units. This report

was not relayed to the forward field command. The battalion commander has denied that he refused the force permission to leave the area, according to Channel 1, which said the soldiers spoke despite being ordered not to talk to the media. There was no official comment on the report, although the IDF Spokesman issued a statement saying the inquiry committee, being headed by Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, is still investigating all the circumstances surrounding the incident. The statement said that the committee would publish its findings once it completes its inquiry. Meanwhile, two Lebanese

brothers, 10 and 12, were reported to have been wounded in an explosion in the Wadi Saluki area north of the security zone yesterday. Reports from Lebanon said they were lightly hurt and were taken to hospital in Sidon. Hizbullah issued a statement saying the IDF had planted explosive devices in the area. Other reports on Lebanese radio stations, however, said it appeared that they had found and been playing with old munitions. IDF sources denied any involvement, saying it would not be the first time that Hizbullah had been responsible for incidents in which Lebanese civilians had been hurt, then blamed the IDF.

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At a special meeting called during the summer recess, Knesset State Control Committee chairman Yossi Katz (Labor) had called on the IDF to keep its word. Last night, Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein condemned the move, saying that "it is forbidden under any circumstances to go back on a signed agreement. This will destroy the foundation for any future negotiations... It is important that soldiers have trust in their commanders." The Yisrael Ba'aliya faction also published a strong condemnation, saying that "the integrity of the authorities in general, and of the IDF in particular, has been gravely undermined." Faction whip Roman Brodnyan said he had visited the prison last week and had heard from guards that they had not been violently threatened by the rioters. He called for an independent commission of inquiry. Shmariyah Ben-Tsur (National Religious Party) said the "soldiers' belief in IDF commanders will be destroyed and [Shoham's decision] could turn into a boomerang if there is another riot." The head of the Organization of Soldiers' Parents, Amiram Chertok, said that the decision has "not added to the IDF's integrity." A former senior officer to the Judge-Advocate General's Office, Aharon Levy, said on Israel Radio that "it appears that the negotiations with the rioters were not carried out in completely good faith."

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# Zo Artzenu leaders guilty of sedition

By HERB KEINON

Moshe Feiglin and Shmuel Sackett, leaders of the Zo Artzenu group that was at the forefront of the right-wing, anti-government protest movement in the summer of 1995, were convicted of sedition by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The three-judge panel, made up of court president Amnon Cohen, Zvi Zilberal, and Shulamit Dotan, wrote in a 64-page decision that, "We did not place the emphasis on those illegal demonstrations that were organized by the defendants (and which to our regret are not rare here), but rather on the whole package of activity that they organized and planned to carry out."

"The accused wanted to create a situation where, as a result of their actions, the government would not be able to function - not because of their influence on public opinion, but rather because of a physical inability to function."

The judges rejected Feiglin's and Sackett's claim that they were "only" carrying out classic acts of passive civil disobedience. "It is not clear that the acts of the defendants can be categorized as civil disobedience, and it is even more doubtful that what is being discussed was non-violent civil disobedience," the judges wrote.

Zo Artzenu ("this is our land" carried out a string of protest actions in the summer of 1995, including the blocking of key intersections throughout the country and the attempt to set up temporary "new settlements" on various hills in Judea and Samaria.

Citing numerous examples from Zo Artzenu literature, the judges ruled that Feiglin and Sackett were guilty of sedition, defined in part in the penal code as an act that leads to "hatred, scorn, or disloyalty to the state, or its duly established governing bodies or law."

The only other Jew ever convicted of a sedition charge was Binyamin Kahane in 1993, for distributing seditious material. His



Zo Artzenu leaders Shmuel Sackett (left) and Moshe Feiglin discuss their guilty verdict yesterday at Jerusalem Magistrate's Court. (Hana Hazzari)

appeal is still pending before the Supreme Court.

Sackett - wearing a Zo Artzenu T-shirt that read, "I am willing to be arrested for the homeland, because this is our land" - said after the verdict that, "Martin Luther King would have been found guilty of sedition here."

Sedition was the most serious charge in an indictment that also included lesser charges of incitement and unlawful gathering. Feiglin was convicted on an unlawful gathering charge, and both were acquitted of the incitement charges. Sentencing is scheduled for late October following a trial began in January 1996.

Sackett said that, unless the sentence is "extremely heavy," he has no intention of filing an appeal. "I am proud of what we did," he said. "We did not run away from the charges."

Among the 40 people who crammed into the small courtroom in Jerusalem's Russian Compound to hear the verdict was Molelet MK Benny Elon. Elon was originally one of the defendants when the charge sheet, was filed in 1995, but the charges against him were suspended due to Knesset immunity after he won a seat in the last elections.

Elon said that if the charges against him are not dropped, he will ask that his Knesset immunity be lifted so that he can stand trial. "I have a lot to say about the issue, but first want to read the verdict," he said. Feiglin said he was surprised by the verdict. "My estimation was that the court would not dare convict for sedition someone who struggled through democratic measures against the government. I was convinced that the court, in order to preserve the democratic nature of the state, would go harder on us on the other counts, but not convict us of sedition."

Feiglin said he does not regret his actions. "As I said at the beginning of the struggle, the price I may have to pay is nothing compared to the damage caused by the left-wing government with the Oslo agreements. I would go back and do exactly the same things."

The judges, in a verdict which dealt with cardinal issues such as the right to protest and civil disobedience, took the police to task for some of its actions at the protests. "A harsh picture of the actions of certain policemen at some of the events was revealed to us," the judges wrote.

"With all due caution, it is possible to determine that there were instances when actions taken by the police heated up the atmosphere and unnecessarily harmed innocent citizens who saw fit to express their opinions."

# Treasury undermining health system claim

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza yesterday accused the Treasury of plotting to abolish the national health insurance system while putting up a facade of "making structural changes" in the economy.

Matza said that if the Finance Ministry succeeds, there will be a two-class health system: one for

the rich, who can supplement a diminished basket of health services, and another for the poor, who can't. Treasury sources, who insisted on remaining anonymous, said that in view of the massive deficits, health funds should be encouraged to "become more efficient" by charging for certain services if they wish or absorbing the costs by reducing

expenses in other services. The Treasury source said it wants to delay "by a year" an increase in hospital beds, but will abide by a commitment to increase the number of doctors.

Matza charged that the Treasury not only intends to cut health services provided to residents, but also to prevent the inclusion in the basket of vital new medications

and technologies that have been developed since the national health insurance system began nearly three years ago. The Treasury, Matza says, wants to transfer many treatments to optional supplementary health insurance programs offered by the health funds - or to charge health fund members for them.

Meanwhile, the Israel Medical Association said that it would fight to prevent cuts in the health budget and demanded that Prime Minister Binyamin-Netanyahu instruct the Treasury to honor an agreement the Health Ministry signed with the doctors.

## PALESTINIAN PRESS REVIEW BY MICHAEL SELA

The jewelry market in Gaza is thriving, swamped with women selling their golden trinkets. The severe economic distress of the Palestinians, aggravated by the month-long closure and the government's retention of Palestinian tax money, was worsened by UNRWA's announcement of a NIS 50 fee on each pupil at its schools.

These were the two key issues preoccupying the Palestinian newspapers.

The UN and World Bank have estimated the direct loss to the Palestinian economy since the closure began at \$60 million. Palestinian economists estimate the unemployment rate at 70 percent.

The economic measures were highlighted in feature stories describing the daily struggle. Samur Jantu in the official daily *Al Hayat al-Jadida* called for social mutual aid: "Let the rich help the poor and stretch a hand of support to the needy" (August 27). A gold dealer told *Al-Kuds*, the largest daily, that people have been selling their jewelry "even though gold is the last source of savings for the Palestinian family."

Starvation closures  
An-Najah University economists Yusuf Haq and Nasser Karim suggested the preparation of an emergency plan to counter the "Israeli starvation closures." They also called for the establishment of national emergency storehouses, as is common in most states, according to *Al-Kuds* (August 27).  
In its editorial on August 24, *Al-Kuds* asked: "Who profits from the freeze put on the peace process?... The evaporation of the peace process... is harmful both to the Israelis and to the Palestinians... Real security will be guaranteed only by real peace and by recognizing legitimate Palestinian rights, not by confiscating Palestinian lands, not by constructing more settlements."  
*Al-Kuds* columnist and poet Ali Khalil sarcastically criticized Netanyahu. "For him the implementation of the Oslo accord is nothing more than a copy of the Sa'ad Haddad and Antoine Lahad solution... What made him furious

was the failure of his plan to destroy the delicate Palestinian fabric and bring the Palestinian people to their knees."

UNRWA Crisis  
The UNRWA financial crisis is not new. Since its foundation 47 years ago the UN Relief and Works Agency for the Palestinian refugees has reduced support several times. The imposition of school fees to ease its \$20 million deficit caused a general strike in the Gaza Strip, and protests in Lebanon and Jordan. Over 150,000 children from 167 Gaza schools stayed at home for one week. Palestinian discussions with UN officials and opinion articles in all the newspapers suggested this too was a scheme, coordinated with the donor countries and with Israel, to put more pressure on the Palestinians.

It is part of Israel's plan to eliminate the refugee problem, said PLO executive committee member Asad Abd al-Rahman to the semi-official *al-Ayyam*. "It will be a disaster and a betrayal if anybody takes over any UN responsibility before there is a permanent and just solution of the Palestinian problem." (August 25).

Talal Okal described the UNRWA crisis as "another link in the siege chain." Two days later, in the same newspaper, Tawfiq Wasfi wrote: "We shall pay, not to the [UN] Agency... but to the Authority, when it takes over... when the world gets to solve justly the refugee problem." The *ProFamas* weekly *al-Risalah*, predictably, said: "UNRWA declares war on the Palestinians."

Reporting the weekly Palestinian cabinet meeting *Al-Hayat al-Jadida* on Saturday linked the two key issues in its main headline: "The leadership confirms an Israeli Plan to Destroy - Our Economy - Wonders About The UNRWA Measures."

Look at me  
Directly addressing Israeli public opinion as well as regular denunciation of Israeli government policy has become a tradition. Samiha Khalil, who challenged Arafat for the presidency in the

1996 elections, wrote "a letter to the Israeli mother," calling on Israeli and Palestinian mothers to cooperate in rejecting the harsh measures which affect children and women.

Palestinian ambassador to Spain, Nabil Ma'ruf, wrote "A letter to the Israeli people" in *Al-Hayat al-Jadida* (August 25). Comparing Israeli policies to South African Apartheid, Ma'ruf said that "We are doomed to live together. Let us give generations that have lived the conflict the opportunity to see some light at last... We, who have fought each other, let's see our children have a tranquil future before we die."

Journalists' plight  
Another focus was the journalists' interest in their profession and image.

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Some 50 fragments of medieval manuscripts are now at the Israel Museum. Sounds dull? Well, they form one of the most exciting and moving exhibitions I have ever seen.

Meir Ronnen  
The Jerusalem Post

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# Season of change

## After the euphoria of the bipartisan budget deal, the US Congress may be in for all-out battles as the fall session gets underway

By EDWIN CHEN

WASHINGTON — They left town on a bipartisan high after reaching a historic compact with the White House to balance the federal budget while cutting taxes. But as members of Congress return to work this week from their August recess, their summer of love appears likely to beget an autumn of trench warfare.

The budget deal, in fact, may have made a partisan bloodletting inevitable by blurring the philosophical distinctions between the two parties. Many rank-and-file Democrats and Republicans are clearly eager to sharpen their political differences as another election year approaches, one in which control of Congress will be at stake — especially the House, where the GOP holds a slim 21-seat margin.

"The mayhem and bickering are about to return — and just in time," said Paul Gigot, an influential right-of-center commentator. "The era of bipartisanship is over precisely because of the budget deal. ... Let the brawling begin."

The appetite for ideology-driven combat should quickly manifest itself as both houses focus on the most pressing business at hand: enacting the 13 big appropriations bills needed to keep the government running.

Those measures, which follow the broad outlines of the balanced-budget legislation, must be passed and signed by President Clinton by

October 1, the start of the new federal fiscal year. Otherwise the government must shut down, unless all parties agree to a "continuing resolution" to keep the government in operation. So far, the House has finished work on eight of the 13 bills, and the Senate 10. But not one has reached the Oval Office.

Complicating the task is the new presidential line-item veto authority, which Clinton has already used to kill three provisions in the balanced-budget legislation.

"As they sit down to hash things out, one of the things the appropriators will want is assurances from the White House that the president won't use the line-item veto. And that's going to eat up most of September," Mason predicted.

In addition, if Congress intends to override Clinton's previous line-item vetoes, it has 30 days to act. Also, Clinton's line-item veto authority almost certainly will face a legal challenge.

Among the major issues Congress is expected to quickly take up is a presidential request for "fast-track" authority to negotiate multilateral trade treaties. The legislation would allow such pacts to get an up-or-down vote within 90 days, without being encumbered by amendments. This authority expired at the end of 1994.

Another high-priority item is the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, which expires September 30. Lawmakers representing competing regional inter-

ests will have to agree on how to divvy up \$157 billion in assorted transportation programs around the country.

Also awaiting congressional action is the proposed \$368.5 million legal settlement between the tobacco industry and state attorneys general.

Beyond those issues, GOP congressional leaders are divided over what to do — if anything. House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., would like to get the 13 funding measures enacted and then adjourn for the year, allowing members to go home and boast about their accomplishments.

"Rather than stomping on our own lines, we ought to just relax awhile. We've had a good year; this is a crowning achievement," he said, referring to enactment of the five-year balanced-budget accord.

But some congressional GOP strategists, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich, are contemplating "broad themes" to be articulated in the run-up to the off-year elections.

"I believe we will have a vision in September and October that ... will move us into the '98 campaign with a clear choice for America's future. That will set the stage for the 2000 campaign," Gingrich said in a recent interview with the *National Journal* magazine.

Not everyone foresees an autumn filled with discord.

"I actually don't anticipate the kind of utter collapse and partisan warfare that some see," said Thomas E. Mann, director of government studies at the Brookings Institution. "That doesn't serve in Clinton's interest or the Republican majority's interest."

The 13 funding bills, because of their must-pass nature, already are attracting an array of controversial amendments, on issues ranging from abortion to arts funding. Any one could cause prolonged wrangling.

Two festering disputes over contested election results could generate some of the most partisan rhetoric. House and Senate Democrats alike have threatened to disrupt all legislative business except for the appropriations bills unless Republicans stop investigating alleged irregularities in the 1996 Senate election of Maryland Rep. Robert Torricelli.

After the budget deal, he says, "anything else would be anticlimactic." (The Los Angeles Times)



**Back to school**  
Standing in front of a Che Guevara poster, Cuban leader Fidel Castro this week addressed a gathering of school children. Last week, Havana denied reports that the 71-year-old dictator is seriously ill. (AP)

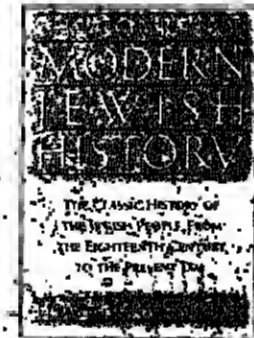
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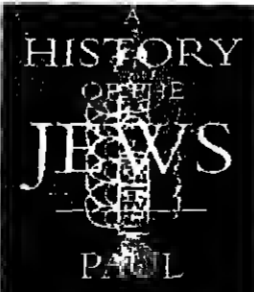
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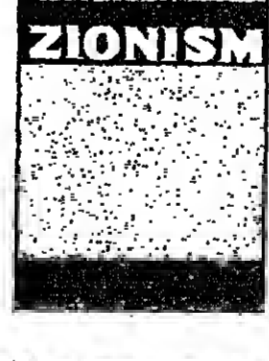
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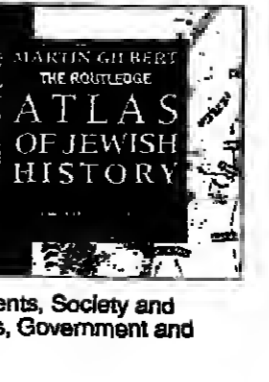
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## Japan's UFO mecca

By ALLEN WAIN

HAKUI, Japan — If the day comes that aliens decide to land on Earth, they could do worse than visit this little fishing town.

Long known for seafood and beaches, Hakui now draws tourists from around the world for its obsession with UFOs, as the town's UFO-themed restaurants, pachinko parlors, gaming centers, bars and hot-spring resorts attest.

At the center of this celestial activity is the town's most popular attraction, Cosmo Isle Hakui, a UFO and space-museum shaped, of course, as a large flying saucer.

The driving force behind the museum, located in Ishikawa prefecture's rugged Noto peninsula, along the Sea of Japan coast, is its director, Jotaro Takano, a scientist and UFO buff who has turned a lifelong hobby into a paying job.

Takano's electronics background and leadership of the town's amateur club convinced town fathers to cough up public funds to build the museum, which opened in July 1996.

"We have three themes: space and space development, SETI or the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, and then UFOs," Takano, SETI and UFO Science Museum, Habuabe Zoo director, said.

The museum has space-related equipment from the US and Russia, on display, UFO-related materials, a library and a research center. Information on UFOs discusses aerial phenomena, alien abductions, crop circles, UFO contacts and radio transmissions related to SETI.

Vice-director Takashi Ishiyama said local officials turned to UFOs to revitalize the town after its population plummeted because of an exodus by young people to the cities.

"Usually governments wouldn't participate in this kind of thing. But with our government's lead and attention from the mass media, everyone started talking about the myths associated with this town," Ishiyama said.

The town, which boasts the most reported UFO sightings in Japan, is steeped in "alien" folklore and legend.

"There is one legend called 'shobachinon' which says cybal-like flashing lights were seen flying from one end of the mountain to the other," said Ishiyama. "Another legend tells of children

being taken away in a big 'nabe' [sauce] pan while playing." But it is the town's ancient Ketataisha shrine, regarded as one of the four main shrines in Japan, that may hold the key to the town's preoccupation with strange phenomena.

"Ancient documents kept in the town's Ketataisha shrine talk about flashing lights in the sky and the hand of God controlling them. The story has been passed down from generation to generation," Ishiyama said.

Although there was opposition from residents at first to using tax money for the museum, they finally came around to the idea as much out of curiosity as the commercial possibilities.

Around the corner from the museum is the UFO-ramen (Chinese noodles) restaurant, which serves up a heaping bowl of noodles garnished with little octopus balls shaped like aliens.

After a long day of sightseeing, visitors can also relax at the town's Euphoria hot springs.

Further north are some of the region's most famous hot-spring resorts, which draw tourists from Taiwan and elsewhere who have made the museum a necessary stop on their tour.

Officials expect 200,000 people to visit this year.

"I don't believe in UFOs but this is interesting nevertheless," said housewife Masako Minami, as she eyed the burned shell of the actual Russian space capsule Vostok used to make the first manned space flight in 1961.

Takano said the aim of the museum is not just to attract tourists, but to become a leading research center for people interested in researching and studying UFOs.

Hakui has hosted several international space and UFO conferences in the past and the last one in May, held in the museum, attracted top scientists and researchers from the US Naval Research Center and NASA's SETI Institute.

Takano said he started to believe in the existence of alien life after obtaining declassified US top-secret information. "The conclusion is the unpleasant possibility that there have been alien visitors to our planet or alien-controlled UFOs," he said. (Reuters)

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DISK-COVERY



Nehama the Louse: Home is where the head is. (Moshe Tirivak)

It's lousy - but not so bad!

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOWICH

Hakina Nehama (Nehama the Louse), a CD-ROM in Hebrew, produced by CD-Worm of Ramat Hasharon...

Head lice are objects of repulsion in this country, where there's hardly a child who hasn't been hit by pediculosis between kindergarten and fourth grade.

Giving lice a charming new image, as this disc does won't, I hope, reduce kids' willingness to be shampooed and fine-tooth combed.

The story, which Shalev wrote and narrates in Hebrew, consists of 17 short chapters. A louse named Nehama is born on the head of a young boy named Uri...

Nehama "moves in" with the TV interviewer, and after a series of encounters meets a bald-headed man who is overjoyed to "have a head louse, like everybody else."

The irony and digs at the government and the media will probably sail over the heads of young users, who will take it as a simple children's tale.

And one bit of the text could be harmful to health. The lice laugh at human attempts to wipe them out, recalling a recipe of "mayonnaise, kerosene and henna" and "benzene, humous, beer and Tippex" tried by parents on their children's scalp.

Beyond the text, accompanied by a pleasing musical background and lovely graphics, there are seven games, most of them pedestrian. There is a conventional drawing program; a game requiring you to maneuver a louse through a maze...

The only remotely imaginative game here is the one that shows a class of kids wearing hats. You have to click on a cap to uncover hairstyle and hair color and match them by memory.

Gordi Beharpatka Mehasratim (Gordi in the Movie Adventure), two CD-ROM discs in Hebrew, for ages 6 to 10, NIS 179.

Numerous CD-ROMs have used treasure hunts as a gimmick; many such programs are mindless assignments to collect information or objects alog a series of screens and awarding a prize to the successful finder...

It's odd that the producers thought there was a need for two separate discs. The first one shows a short video clip of an impatient boss threatening a young illustrator named Mike...

It seems to me that Comedia/Hed Artzi could have done without the video clip, put the whole program on one disc and lowered the price.

Once you get into the second disc, there is a series of eight different scenes. Some of the objects are blanked out, and these you must search for in Mike's animation studio, comprising a corridor and a number of connecting rooms.

Movement through the studio feels very lifelike, as if you were virtually inside the studio yourself: you turn corners, enter doorways and climb stairs. Find a useful object and save it on the side, but since there is room for only six icons, you'll have to throw unnecessary ones into an on-screen garbage can.

At the end, you've saved Mike from his nasty boss. Although there is plenty to do and the games can be repeated almost endlessly, the question remains how many times a child will want to repeat the accumulation process if he knows where objects lie.

Mr. Mom & Ms. Dad: How are they - and their kids - faring?

Working wives don't skimp on mothering, even when father stays at home

We've heard much in recent years about stay-at-home dads, pioneers of role reversal who brave loss of income, jokes about their masculinity and the suspicion of mothers in tot lots to keep their kids out of day care.

But we haven't heard much until recently from the breadwinner mothers. No wonder: It turns out they've been busy.

According to a study presented recently at the American Psychological Association convention, many breadwinner moms revert to traditional roles when they come home from work. They make dinner, give baths and manage the bedtime routine - even when their husbands stay home 45 hours a week or more.

Unlike traditional fathers, breadwinner moms tend to know their child's schedule, friends and classes even though they are at work all day.

Despite appearances, researcher Robert Frank, a part-time teacher at Loyola University Chicago, said, "I wouldn't describe it as a 'second shift.' Maybe that's because I'm a male." Frank has been a stay-at-home dad for the last 11 years.

Some of the mom's extra work might be chalked up to vestigial guilt, Frank speculated. Society still expects mothers to be primary caregivers, no matter how demanding their jobs are. Some moms also do more at home because their standards are higher.

"My tolerance for the piles that grow is less than his," said Susan Baylies, a teacher married to Peter Baylies, editor of the Massachusetts-based newsletter At Home Dad, whose mailing list provided the subjects for Frank's study.

In Frank's family, he does almost everything, said his wife, Linda, a hospital administrator. In fact, he



Pioneers of role reversal, braving loss of income and jokes about their masculinity: An estimated 300,000 to 2 million Americans are stay-at-home dads.

does so much - dinner, dishes and laundry, arranging play dates and piano lessons and doctor visits - that she still has time for exercise and a choral group.

Inequality at home, however, is the hottest topic on a fledgling Internet E-mail discussion group for wives of stay-at-home dads. "When the kids get older," commented Linda Frank, "the dads don't have the excuse of having to chase a two-year-old around."

Inequality is also a prime topic when women get together at the At Home Dads convention, while the fathers attend a range of speakers and workshops. The second annual convention will be held in November at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines, Illinois.

ESTIMATES of the number of stay-

at-home American dads range from 300,000 to two million, depending on how they are defined. Robert Frank defines them as caregivers

'Research suggests a lower level of parental stress in dad-at-home families than in traditional ones.'

who stay at home with their children at least 30 hours a week.

While stay-at-home fatherhood once appeared to be a rising trend, census figures indicate that some dads were forced home by the economy. In 1991, 20% of preschoolers were cared for by fathers, while mothers worked outside the home.

The moms who complain the most tend to be those who aren't breadwinners by choice, Linda Frank said.

"Some are pretty uptight about being their family's only financial support. They wonder, are they always going to have enough money to keep food on the table and shelter? Their families are dependent on them. What if they lose their jobs?"

Some also worry about losing attachment to their children, though

Robert Frank said his research indicates that a breadwinner mother's bond with her children isn't shaken loose when the father becomes the primary caregiver. When children are hurt or upset and both parents are available, the children still seek comfort from their working mothers as much as from their stay-at-home dads.

In another preliminary study of six families, Frank said that parental stress in at-home-dad families seems to be lower than in traditional families.

"Our society says if the kids don't come out so good, there's a sense the female didn't do a good job. And if the dad is not making big bucks and supporting his family, it's not done right," Robert Frank said.

"Maybe because we reverse the roles, the stress is a little less." (Los Angeles Times)

PARENTING

Twosomes, threesomes and lonesomes

By RUTH MASON

My son has been friends with Ben, the son of a very close friend of mine, since he was two. But recently my son has been saying he doesn't want to play with Ben.

Tali's mother has also become very close with Ben's mother. When the three children play together, Ben and Tali always include my son, and they seem to

have a good time. I don't want my son to lose this friendship. How can I help him with this?

Alan J. Flashman, M.D., child psychiatrist and pediatrician, replies:

See if this annotated imaginary conversation helps you out: "Ben is not my friend any more." The best thing to do here, as with any expression of a negative feeling, is not to argue, but to acknowledge your child's experience.

"He wants to play with Tali all the time."

"That hurts!" "And it's true. And Shirli [the kindergarten teacher] says it's not

had, and it's fair, and I should feel okay - and don't you tell me that, because I don't."

"No, I won't tell you how to feel. If you feel bad, then that's how you feel."

"He plays with Tali, and he's not my friend!"

"That would be my first feeling, too. Not my friend! Oof!"

"Oof! Not my friend!" "Now that is one strong OOF. And it feels like real angry, and also sad, because he used to be such a good friend. Oof!"

"Oof!" "And then I just might want to see once I've done enough oofing, if I could do a second thing, or have a second feeling, too."

"I just want oof. OOOOFFFF!" At this point, you might let your

child vent for as long as he wants. Then, when he seems ready, try to show him that it is possible to get beyond anger by telling him about a similar experience, and the way you handled it.

"When Ben's mother went out to lunch with Tali's mother by themselves, I had one tremendous oof. And when I was all done with oof, I sat myself down and said, do I want to stay at oof, or do I want to go to after-oof? I said, oof is no fun, and maybe I'm done with it. I'll try after-oof. It can't do any harm. But I had trouble finding an after-oof. Could you help me?"

See what transpires from the suggestions your son makes. Maybe one of them will speak to his dilemma. Or you could offer your own suggestion: "What if I

tried to say, 'Let's be friends all three of us some of the time, you [Ben's mother] and me alone some of the time, and you and Tali's mother some of the time?'" See how he responds, then apply it to his situation.

"How about if you say, 'Ben - make time for just you and me, make time for you and Tali, make time for just me and Tali, and make time for all three of us together?'"

"Ben will play just with me?" "I bet he will some of the time. And you can think of that, while he plays with Tali sometimes. So what do you prefer right now, oof or after-oof?"

"Can you make me some chocolate milk and tell me the whole megilla again?"

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GARDENER'S CORNER

# Geraniums uncloaked

By BATSHEVA MINK and DAVID BRAUNER

**B**eware of the ordinary garden geranium. This botanical is an undercover agent growing under a false identity.

Most plants called geraniums are, in fact, pelargoniums. The mix-up began about 200 years ago, when botanists began classifying and naming plants. The family name for geraniums and pelargoniums was *Geraniaceae*, so the name "geranium" stuck to both.

The approximately 700 species of true geraniums are mainly natives of the northern hemisphere. They grow bappily across Europe to Central Asia and Siberia, and as far east as the Himalayas.

Their less hardy relatives, the pelargoniums, are largely South African in origin but reach Africa's east coast, including Madagascar, and on to Arabia and western India. There are even a few species in Australia. It is the varieties and hybrids of the pelargoniums that have become the popular "garden geranium."

Amateurs cannot be blamed for this error in nomenclature, as many nurseries and growers insist on calling pelargoniums "geraniums."

Many modern varieties of pelargoniums have developed as a result of cross-breeding over the last two centuries. Their roots are of three kinds - tuberous, tap-rooted, and fibrous. These are adaptations to growing in the wild.

Tuberous store water during times of drought. Tap roots penetrate deep into crevices, searching for moisture and nutrients; they store water for short periods.

The fibrous-rooted species is the most familiar. It is quite woody in the larger plants. These pelargoniums grow wide



and bushy, with sucker-like plantlets that grow at the base of the parent plant. These varieties prefer moderate moisture and adapt very well in our gardens.

Pelargoniums are inexpensive, easy to grow and, thanks to the many new varieties and colors being introduced, are rapidly shedding their "cheap and cheerful" image.

Now that we have uncloaked the pelargoniums, let's take a closer look at the most popular varieties:

**Zonal pelargoniums** (*Pelargonium zonale*, also known as *P. hortorum*) have a "horseshoe zone" of a darker tone on their leaves. However, some of these zonal markings have been lost because of hybridization.

The zonals are upright plants which have single or double flowers in an array of colors. They can reach heights of 2-3 m., but are better grown 60-90

cm. high.

**Ivy-leaved varieties** (*P. peltatum*), named for the ivy shape of their foliage, are very popular in window boxes and hanging baskets. Like true ivy, they can also be tied to supports and grown against walls or fences, or used to make a good ground cover.

The ivy-leaved types can withstand poor soil and harsh summer sun, and they do not die if you forget to water them.

Their flowers are single and double in white, pink, red, purple and lilac. After an initial burst of blossoms in the spring, they sometimes take a rest before flowering again in a few weeks.

The rose geranium (*P. capitatum*), or scented varieties, give off a fragrance that is often rose-like but also may smell like lemons, mint or fruit. There are over 200 species, all of which

are grown primarily for their aroma, hence their flowers are not showy.

The leaves, stalks and stems are covered with soft hair. These glandular hairs produce a scented oil, which is emitted when the plant is touched.

In hot sun, the oils give off a hazy gas to protect the plant from extreme glare and heat. The quality of the aroma depends on where the plants are grown; those growing in full sun will smell differently from those growing in shade.

They thrive in town gardens and can get by with minimal maintenance but, like all plants, they reward tender loving care.

**Martha Washington**, or **Regal Pelargoniums** (*P. domesticum*), are the showiest. They boast magnificent large, velvety flowers. Blossoms are azalea- or petunia-shaped, from 5 to 8 cm. across. They have a short flowering season, from May to July, but growing them in shade extends flowering to August.

**EVEN THOUGH** pelargoniums are garden-friendly, that does not mean they should be neglected. Regular feeding, watering and pruning will pay dividends in prolonged flowering and vibrant color.

**Light:** Slight shade or shelter from the summer sun prevents bleached flowers.

**Water:** Keep on the dry side.

**Feeding:** Half the recommended dose of a liquid fertilizer should be given every two weeks when plants are in active growth. Do not feed during the winter.

**Pests and diseases:** In spring, geraniums are susceptible to aphids. Spray with a commercial insecticide or diluted dish-washing liquid.

**Pruning:** Cut back by one-third in March and October.

**Propagation:** In the summer, tip cuttings may be inserted into small pots with sterilized, free-



Massed geraniums: Inexpensive and rapidly shedding their 'cheap and colorful' image. (David Brauner)

draining soil (available in nurseries). Do not overwater or cover with plastic bags. Pinch off growing tips when they are about 10-12 cm. high to encourage bushy growth.

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Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner, via e-mail: morrir@ashur.cc.hu.ac.il

## Tip of the Week

Use the leaves (thoroughly rinsed) of scented pelargoniums to give a rose-like flavor to puddings and jellies.

The next time you bake, line the bottom of the pan with rose

geranium leaves to give the cake a delicious flavor, and the kitchen a delightful aroma.

Scented leaves may also be used in potpourri and as table decorations.

## HEADS 'N' TAILS

# Can we keep a pet on the eighth floor?



A carrot's welcome any time. Keep your rabbit in its cage outside on the balcony.

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

**A** reader in Tel Aviv sent us the following letter: *We recently moved from a rather crowded flat to a very spacious one. I promised my eight-year-old son that once we moved he could have a pet. We also have a two-year-old daughter, and I want her to enjoy the pet as well. Since we are on the eighth floor and use the elevator for access, I feel that keeping a dog would be too difficult, especially house-training it. I have suggested birds and fish, but my son wants an animal he can stroke and handle. What do you suggest?*

At the risk of sounding one-track minded (see my August 27 column), I think that a cat is the perfect apartment pet. Cats are clean, cuddly, and make wonderful companions. What's more, they never have to be taken outside. Not that cats don't enjoy gardens and parks, but they can do very well inside too. Today, with easy-to-manage litter boxes and a wide array of odor-pre-

venting litter, there need not be a hint of cat odor in the apartment. If the cat is to be housebound, you should have it neutered or spayed. These are simple operations and the cat recovers in a couple of days. I personally detest the idea of de-clawing cats, so I never recommend it. If you are concerned about your furniture getting scratched, a cat is not the pet for you.

Another excellent apartment pet is a whistler, the long-haired guinea pigs. These creatures are sweet-tempered even with very small children, they are clean, and become extremely tame if handled from a fairly early age. Many whistlers like to sit on your lap like a cat.

Or you might prefer a rabbit - if you have a balcony. The rabbit should be kept outside in its cage because even when it is very clean, the cage does have an odor. The same is true of mice and hamsters.

A parakeet can also make an interesting pet. It can be banded, taught to sit on one's finger



Whistlers or long-haired guinea pigs - great with kids. (Ariel Kozlovitski)

and so forth. But of course it can't be cuddled.

A fialo optioo would be a small-breed dog that is trained to use a litter box. These sanitary facilities are suitable for toy breed dogs. In that event, they can be taken out for a walk when it is convenient for you. Pugs are appropriate, as are small terriers.

Dogs too should be neutered or spayed for apartment conditions. While it is certainly easier to keep pets when there is a garden, you will be surprised to discover how many people keep pets even in roof-top apartments.

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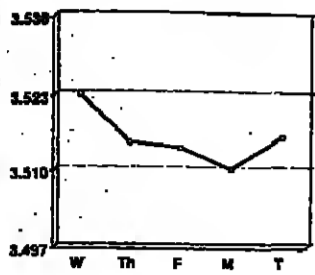
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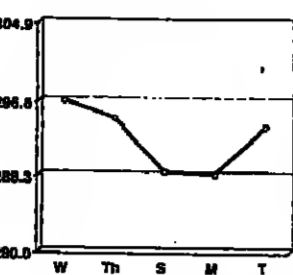
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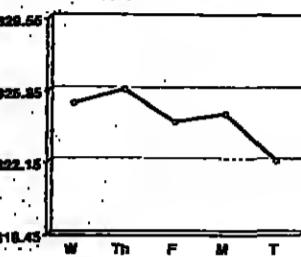
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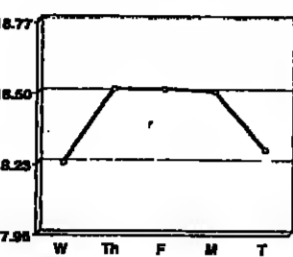
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THE BUSINESS SCENE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN



(From left) Theodor Wallau, Yekutiel Federmann and his wife, Bella

Industrialist, oil prospector and hotel tycoon Yekutiel Federmann, a founder of the Dan hotel chain, has been honored with one of Germany's highest decorations. At the best of German President Roman Herzog, German ambassador to Israel Theodor Wallau presented Federmann with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. The presentation was made at a private ceremony conducted at the embassy in the presence of members of the Federmann family and senior embassy officials. Federal Chancellor Helmut Kohl conveyed congratulations and warm greetings from Bonn. The award was made to Federmann in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of relations between Israel and Germany.

Californian vintner Lewis Pasco, 41, has joined the Baron Wineries in Binyamina where he is working closely with owner Jonathan Tishbi. Pasco, who has degrees from Davis and Berkeley universities has worked for prominent wine producers around the world, including Wellington Vineyards, Twin Brook Winery, Chimney Rock Winery and the Marimar Torres Estate. Pasco, who will be the chief vintner at Baron, started his career as a chef in a luxury restaurant.

The Internet server Netvision has announced three new senior management promotions. All three are veteran executives who have been with the company for upwards of a decade. Yoram Holtz, 49, research and development direc-

tor, will become vice-president of marketing. Dario Zippis, 43, current director of international sales, has been promoted to vice-president, and Gil Biran, 40, director of WAN, has been named vice-president of research and development. He will work closely with the company's founder and Chairman Zohar Zissapel.

The Israel-Australia Chamber of Commerce this week welcomed its new Executive Director Paul Israel, who previously worked in the chamber's Melbourne branch. He is replacing Baron Katranski, who is returning to Australia.

Berlitz has announced the appointment of Laurence Cohen as the manager of its Tel Aviv branch. Cohen, 31, immigrated from France in 1983, and following his army service, began teaching English in schools. In 1994, he was appointed manager of the newly opened Jerusalem branch of Berlitz and held the position for three years.

Dana Luffman, 26, has been appointed sales promotion manager at Lioz Marketing, which served for the past two years as an account executive.

Yohanan Corinaldi, 38, is the new marketing manager for Hagosrhim, the Upper Galilee resort hotel. Corinaldi, who is a graduate of the Rupin College hotel management course, has had experience as a hotel food-and-beverage manager and as a sales manager for domestic tourism.

Outperforming a falling market

By NEIL COHEN

Both our portfolios have outperformed the market over the last two weeks, though each for its own reasons. And, to my surprise, the aggressive portfolio has done better than the conservative.

The general market is down just over 4 percent since the last portfolio column, and there has been a fair amount of gloom in and around the market. The government is not showing sufficient resolve in the battle against inflation, while the Bank of Israel gives no quarter, raising interest rates after several successive rate cuts. Stock markets never like rate hikes.

The Histadrut is threatening a general strike over the fact that the government is threatening the pension settlement reached with the previous government. Small matter that the Histadrut is way behind with payments to one of its own pension settlements reached with the previous government (for employees of the Histadrut itself). And with unemployment on the rise, the macroeconomic situation does not seem very promising.

The problem runs deeper than any of these individual issues though. One seems to be looking at strategy, only at tactics, and no one seems to have the gumption to take the ball, put his head down and run with it. A government employee told me last week that working on one of the state-utility privatizations is a nightmare. The vested interests and short-

sightedness of virtually all concerned defied belief, they told me.

Until government and unions take on board what is really needed to become a developed, competitive, modern economy, we will not undertake or complete the substantial structural reforms so crucial to stable, long-term growth. When this happens, the market could really motor. Until it does, we'll bounce all around the place.

In addition to the macro stuff, world markets were taking a tumble generally.

Wall Street has been volatile with something of a southerly direction and the key European markets have been following its lead. If money is coming out of the major markets, it tends to come out of the smaller ones too, and Tel Aviv has been no exception.

Despite its solid and boring nature, most of the stocks in the conservative portfolio slid back together with the general market. What held the portfolio up was the continued strength of Orbotech. Just for the record, I have absolutely no regrets about taking some profit as the stock has risen.

If I regret anything, it is that I have not taken more profit in other places - Tefahot and Teva in the conservative portfolio and Blue Square in the aggressive - as the market rose.

But hindsight is always 20-20, and I am relaxed given both portfolios' broad spread and the high quality of the stocks they both hold. I am confident that both

would outperform the general market were it to turn sharply downward. Still, I have maintained from the beginning that we are interested in absolute performance over relative, and losing only 25 percent when the market is down 40% would be small comfort.

Also, I'm willing to risk the flip-side of this, underperforming

and Home Center. I have always been a believer in setting the bar high. The two existing portfolios have been running for about 16 months and have done very well partly because we started buying when the market was in a deep trough and prices were very cheap. In short, we were lucky. I'd like to think our significant outperformance has been a function of superior stock selection, but the money manager's biggest enemy is his complacency and beginning to believe his own spiel. You think you've got it all worked out and nothing can touch you.

For this reason, I've been running the portfolios very cautiously for the last few months as prices have risen and bargains have become harder to find. This has probably been a little boring for readers and not a source of very many profitable new ideas.

So, alongside the existing portfolios, which we will maintain, the time has come to start a new portfolio, which we will call the defensive portfolio. I think it's going to be much tougher making money going forward and much easier to lose it. It will be much more of a challenge navigating the pricing and market risk we now face. In two weeks time, we'll start the

portfolio rolling.

One area I'll be looking at closely will be the convertible bonds that have been issued in such quantities over the last couple of months. The new issue market softened considerably over the last few weeks and offerings were opening at discounts. Sooner or later, I suspect, investors who were looking for a quick flip will tire of holding the bonds and they will slip back to attractive discounts.

All the more so if the market turns down. Then investors will start treating as debt the convertibles they bought as proxies for equity.

I should probably be stepping up to the plate in the current market uncertainty, but I think the market is likely to slip back further before it recovers to a level where I'm a little more comfortable with prices. So it's another week of sitting on our hands.

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PERSONAL FINANCE



In a really good market, providing I'm producing decent returns. Of the three stocks mentioned above, I'm completely comfortable with Tefahot and Teva. I am slightly less comfortable with Blue Square, though not ready to sell it at these prices. It has encountered intensified competition which has hurt profitability. The chain is still one of the biggest and most profitable in the country.

In contrast to the conservative portfolio, the aggressive was underpinned by better performance from several stocks. Strong results from Israel Chemicals boosted its share price as well as that of its controlling shareholder, the Israel Corporation, both of which we own, while good results and some positive press coverage boosted Top Image Systems

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# Sampras, Seles crash out of US Open

### No. 1 men's seed loses to Petr Korda in five sets; Spirlea beats Seles

NEW YORK (AP) - Monica Seles is gone from the US Open, the latest big name to tumble from the tournament.

The No. 2 seed seemed to be getting her game back to the level in which she once dominated women's tennis. But yesterday she was no match for the sparkling play of Irina Spirlea.

The Romanian won 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (10-8), 6-3 to reach the semifinals. Spirlea, the No. 11 seed, fought off one match point in the second-set tiebreak and is now in the semis of Grand Slam tournaments for the first time.

Seles' streak of reaching the final at the National Tennis Center came to an end. She won the year's final Grand Slam tournament in 1991 and '92 and was runner-up to Steffi Graf last two years. She didn't play in 1993 and '94 when she was recovering from a stabbing.

Coupled with Petr Korda's upset win over two-time defending men's champion Pete Sampras and Graf's skipping the US Open because of surgery, Michael Chang is now the only player still in this year's field who competed in last year's title matches.

"I see Andre Agassi or Michael Chang winning it now," said Sampras, who for the first time since 1994 will not be playing on the second Sunday of the US Open.

Both Chang and Agassi hoped to move a step closer to that goal yesterday in their fourth-round matches. Chang was scheduled to meet Frenchman Cedric Pioline, and Agassi was slated to face 13th-seeded Patrick Rafter of Australia.

"Everybody has a chance," Petr Korda said during practice today.

Earlier yesterday, No. 10 Marcelo Rios pounded his way past No. 7 Sergi Bruguera 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 and Sweden's Magnus Larsson downed South Africa's Wayne Ferreira 6-3, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 to gain quarterfinal berths.

Spirlea excelled in every phase of the game, hitting 75 winners to just 41 for Seles. The smooth-stroking Romanian had nine aces and lost her serve just once, in the sixth game of the opening set.

That put the two back on serve since Spirlea had broken Seles' serve to begin the match.

Spirlea took a 5-3 lead in the first-set tiebreak, but Seles, showing flashes of the game that took her to No. 1 in the world, ripped off the next four points to take the lead.

All Spirlea did was raise her game another level. Sometimes she hit a backhand slice; once in a while she would hit it with topspin.

Her forehand found the lines with depth, keeping Seles pinned behind the baseline. And while her groundstrokes sparked, Spirlea was not afraid to volley, winning 31 points of her

45 forays to the net.

It was just another step up the ladder of recognition for Spirlea. Earlier, she had eliminated one of the most talked-about youngsters, Anna Kournikova, and fifth-seeded Amanda Coetzer.

Now she is one step from Sunday's title match.

American hopeful Venus Williams was set to play Sandrine Testud of France late last night. Larsson reached the US Open for the second

quarterfinals at the Australian Open in January when he lost to Chang.

Sampras won the last two men's singles crowns at Louis Armstrong Stadium in the National Tennis Center. Korda on Monday made sure he didn't make it three in a row, this time in the new 23,000-seat stadium.

The 15th-seeded left-hander from the Czech Republic pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the year's final Grand Slam tournament, knocking off the top-seeded and No. 1-ranked Sampras 6-7 (1-7), 7-5, 7-6(7-2), 3-6, 7-6 (7-3).

"I had my chances, but he's always played me tough," Sampras said of Korda, remembering a five-setter the two played at Wimbledon. "I give him credit. I mean, he raised his level when he had to."

And Korda had to.

Sampras fired 58 winners, including 24 aces. And when he went up 3-0 in the final set, he appeared ready to capture his 18th consecutive US Open match.

Korda, however, had other plans.

"I'm trying to hit the ball over the net and to the other side."

That was my only strategy," Korda said. "But when Pete is serving hard, well, it's very difficult to hit the ball over the net. That is really what happened in the fourth and the beginning of the fifth set."

Neither player could enforce his will. Yet at times, each seemed to be on the verge of doing just that. But an ace by Sampras or a rifle-shot of a forehand was answered just as emphatically by one of Korda's cross-court backhands that unwaveringly found the inside of a sideline.

A match that was delayed twice by rain came down to the final-set tiebreaker - routine, Korda called it.

Sampras started the tiebreaker with a weak forehand into the net, then fell behind 4-0 when Korda ripped a backhand cross-court pass. The last of Sampras' aces made it 4-1, but Korda came right back with an ace of his own, his 15th. A few points later, Korda closed it out with a service winner.

Korda's victory, his first in six matches over Sampras since the 1993 Grand Slam Cup, ended Sampras' bid for a third Grand Slam tournament title this year - he won the Australian Open and Wimbledon - and the 11th major of his career, which would have put him one behind career leader Roy Emerson.

"It kind of reminded me of my match against Alex Corretja last year," Sampras said. "I ended up winning that and winning the tournament. This time I lost. Maybe what goes around comes around."



Pete Sampras (Reuters)

time in his career. In 1993, he beat Boris Becker in a fourth-round match.

Against Ferreira, Larsson was more steady and kept up the pressure by going to the net.

In what was essentially a clay-court battle, Rios and Bruguera duelled from the baseline with huge groundstrokes. In the end, the Chilean found more angles and made fewer mistakes - 31 unforced errors to 43 for his Spanish opponent.

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# Rome awaits Olympic nod

## Eternal City exudes confidence in final days before Friday's announcement

ROME (Reuters) - Drive past the Foro Italico on the banks of the river Tiber and you would think Rome had already won the right to stage the 2004 Olympic Games.

The graceful Olympic stadium, revamped for the 1990 soccer World Cup finals and used each year for the high-profile Golden Gala athletics event, gleams in the sunshine.

Olympic and Italian flags flutter outside the functional, well-kept headquarters of the powerful Italian National Olympic Committee.

Classical white marble statues of athletes - all rippling muscles and Olympian idealism - gaze down serenely on to the clay courts where, each year, Italy hosts one of the world's most prestigious tennis tournaments.

The Foro Italico, set against pine covered hills on the northern fringes of the city, represents the best of Rome's Olympic bid.

Drive back into the city center and plans to host an event the size of the Olympics seems profoundly ill-conceived.

Cars and scooters clog Rome's cobbled streets, buses negotiate bewildering one-way systems and droves of tourists pack squares and restaurants from morning to night.

The only thing eternal about "the Eternal City," cynics say, is a journey from A to B through its labyrinthine heart.

On the one hand, Rome is a rich, stylish, modern metropolis with sports venues its rivals would be hard-pressed to match. On the other, it is an ancient, crumbling museum of a city, which at times seems barely capable of coping with its own 20th-century problems, let alone those which a 21st-century edition of the Olympic Games would inevitably bring.

Of the five bidders, Rome is the only one to have hosted a post-war Olympic Games (1960), a world athletics championships (1987) and a World Cup soccer final (1990).

Organizers say that, as a consequence, 79

Athens has spent \$21.0m - a third of it from sponsors - while Stockholm and Cape Town have spent \$25m each and Buenos Aires \$20 m.

A recent opinion poll found 76% of Romans backed the bid. The government has allocated 2,750 billion lire (\$1.5 billion) for the public works required, much of which would be spent on improving transport - a sensitive issue after the fiasco of the 1996 Atlanta Games.

If it gets the go-ahead for 2004, Rome plans to equip itself with an "Olympic Ring."

This would be a third lane around the ring road linking four key sites - the Foro Italico in the north, the proposed Olympic village and media center in the east, the Fascist era EUR complex in the south, and Rome's Fiumicino airport in the west.

Fine projects, the bid's opponents say, but not enough to cure Rome of its late 20th-century ills. "Even the pope said recently Rome was a difficult place to live practically and, as a result, spiritually," says Cristiano Brughitta, spokesman for the small but well-organized Campaign Against the Olympic Games in Rome.

The Pope doesn't take the bus to work like I do so if he's finding it a struggle there must be something wrong.

Perhaps the key player in these final period of frantic Olympic lobbying will be Primo Nebiolo, Italian lawyer and veteran head of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, International Olympic Committee (IOC) member and leading advocate of Rome's bid.

Nebiolo had his hands ostensibly tied at the athletics world championships in Athens this month, having to support both the IAAF event and Rome's Olympic bid.

Now he faces no such divided loyalties.

### Stockholm, Cape Town accused of breaking rules

Olympic chiefs have accused Stockholm and Cape Town of breaking their rules by offering gifts to officials who vote on the venue of the Games.

A senior IOC member said yesterday that the IOC had warned both cities about Olympic rules in letters sent just days before the IOC votes on the venue of the Games in Lausanne on Friday.

Stockholm has been accused of offering free furniture to IOC members while Cape Town has allegedly offered the wives of IOC members free trips to Switzerland for the vote.

Both the Swedish and South African bidding committees immediately denied that they had offered bribes to members.

percent of the venues required for the 2004 Games already exist.

But then there is the question of the Olympic Stadium, which questioned Roman know-how. Commissioned for \$70 million it was finally completed for \$220m, just in time for the World Cup.

But the 2004 committee has worked hard to convince the world that this time things will be different.

"We've spent \$8.5 million on our candidature, almost all of it from sponsors," Rome's mayor Francesco Rutelli said.

## IOC suspends Ecuador

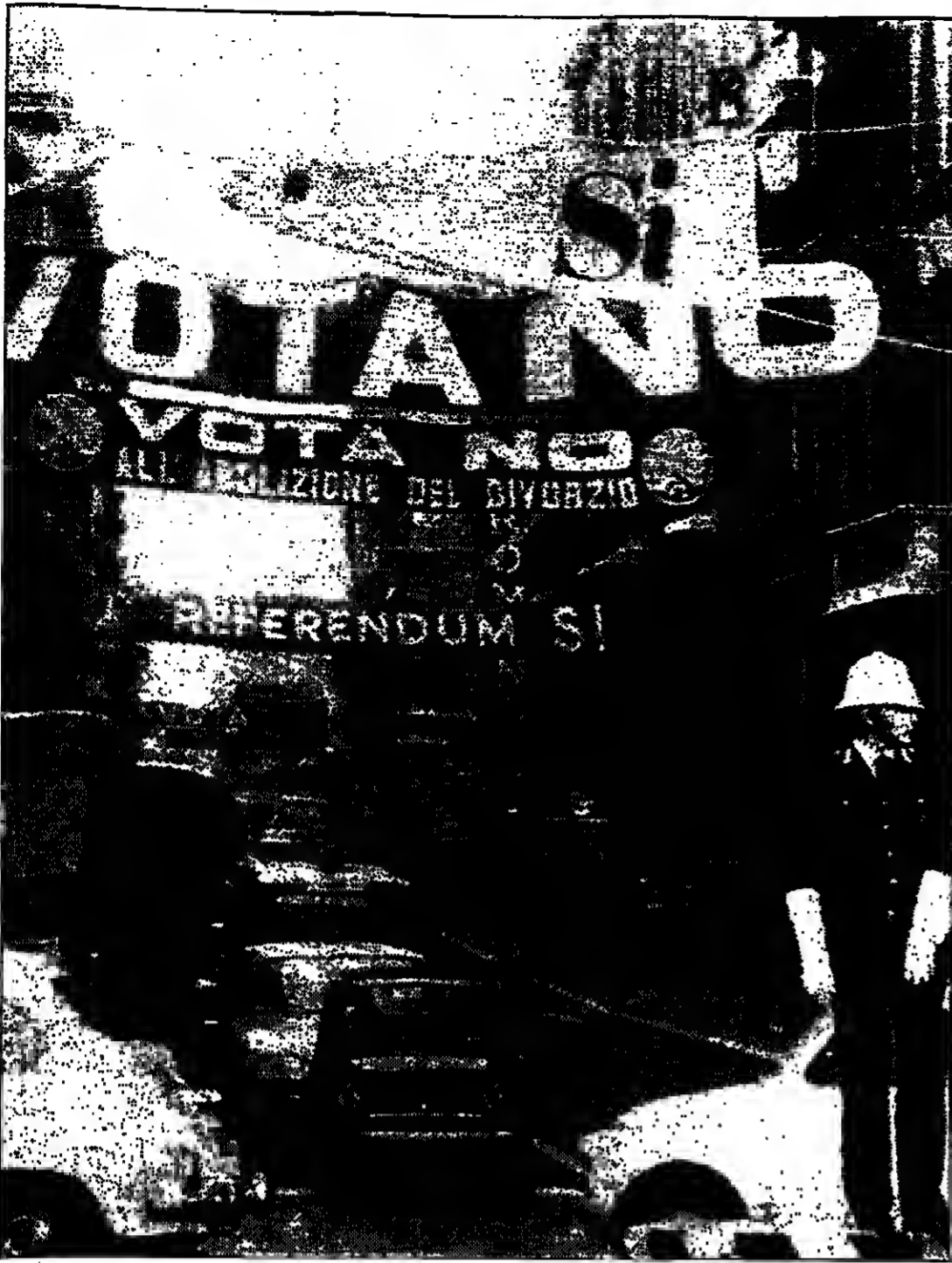
LAUSANNE (Reuters) - The International Olympic Committee has suspended Ecuador from the Olympic movement apparently because it is unhappy with the way it is running its National Olympic Committee (NOC).

The IOC said yesterday that it had

talked with the country's IOC member Agustín Arroyo and announced the suspension saying it was "in the best interest of the Ecuadorian sport

movement and its athletes in particular." The decision will not stop athletes from Ecuador taking part in international events at the moment.

But it is likely to prevent the country having a say in the running of international sport and could affect the IOC funding they receive. The IOC is believed to be unhappy with the way that Ecuador is managing its NOC responsibilities.



ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME - Traffic jams bottle up city center.

## Aussie authorities embrace one-day cricket changes

SYDNEY (Reuters) - Australian officials have approved radical changes to the laws of one-day cricket, including the use of substitutes, in an attempt to make the game more exciting.

The Australian Cricket Board said the experimental rule changes to the national one-day cricket competition would take effect from the 1997-98 season.

The changes, which will not be used in international fixtures, include the use of 12 players in each team and new restrictions on fielding.

Teams in the Australian states competition will be allowed to select a pool of 12 players for each match. Only 11 will be eligible to bat and bowl, but the extra man can be substituted at any time, as a bowler, batsman or fielder. Previously a 12th man could only be used as a back-up fielder for an injured player.

The rule means teams can select an extra batsman and a specialist bowler as substitute, or choose five specialist bowlers and bring a pinch hitter off the bench.

"One-day cricket has probably become stereotyped in the last couple of years and anything that can generate interest has to be good for the game," New South Wales state coach Steve Small said.

"One-day cricket is a good money spinner and we have to keep it going as well as looking for more entertainment."

## FA ponder Diana tribute match

LONDON (Reuters) - The English Football Association said yesterday they wanted to organize a charity match for landmine victims as a tribute to Princess Diana.

"It is at its initial stage and is something we are looking to pursue," a spokeswoman said.

England manager Glenn Hoddle said he hoped the match could be held, although it might have to wait until next year due to fixture problems linked to England's World Cup qualifying campaign.

"We may have to see out our World Cup qualification first," Hoddle said. "But we would certainly be in favor of a match for the benefit of the victims of the Bosnian landmines, a cause she believed in."

England drop Ferdinand England yesterday dropped defender Rio Ferdinand from their squad for a World Cup match next week against Moldova after the teenager celebrated his call-up and was then

caught drink-driving. The England coach Glenn Hoddle has been informed by West Ham United of a drink-driving incident involving Rio Ferdinand which the player deeply regrets," the Football Association said.

Ironically, he was expected to take the place of defender Tony Adams, an Arsenal player who was once jailed for a drink-driving offence.

If selected, he would have been the youngest England international since Manchester United's Duncan Edwards made his debut aged 18 years and 183 days against Scotland at Wembley in April 1955.

Ravanelli dropped by Italy Unsettled Italy striker Fabrizio Ravanelli has been dropped from the squad to face Georgia next Wednesday despite being released by his English club Middlesbrough at the request of Italy coach Cesare Maldini.

## FIFA adds cannabis to banned drugs

CAIRO (Reuters) - FIFA agreed yesterday that cannabis should be included on its list of banned substances.

Soccer's world governing body also announced at a meeting in the Egyptian capital that it would carry out inspection visits to Bhutan and Palestine, who have applied for FIFA membership. An updated report on Gibraltar's request for membership will be received in December.

"Among seven applications for FIFA membership, those for Bhutan and Palestine will be subjected to a FIFA inspection visit later this year, while the December meeting of the executive will receive an updated report on Gibraltar," it said.

It also said it would conduct a study of the status of Hong Kong, which was handed back to China, to determine whether the Hong Kong Football Association retained its status as an independent association.

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\*\*\* GROSE POINTE BLANK - In this mordant little comedy, John Cusack plays a professional assassin who returns to his Michigan hometown for the first time in a decade to attend his high-school reunion.



Funny face: Rowan Atkinson hits LA in 'Bean.'

ly choreographed progression of actions and reactions, often of Bean to himself. Directed by Mel (The Tall Guy) Smith, and written by Richard Curtis and Robin Driscoll (both veterans of Mr. Bean, the film takes shape as a hyperbolic whirlwind tour of L.A. where the very English Mr. Bean seems even more profoundly out of place than usual. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. General audiences.)

\*\*\* AUSTIN POWERS: INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY - A vehicle for star and scriptwriter Mike Myers, this silly soup of a spoof lampoons and hoots at one and the same time James Bond, Richard Lester's Beatles movies, and the outlandishly garish mod-culture of late '60s London. Fashion photographer by day, spy by night, Powers is a party-loving ladies' man who is frozen cryogenically in 1967 and thawed out some 30 years later so that he might do battle with his oemesis, Dr. Evil (also played by Myers) who has recently been defrosted as well and now plans to blow up the world.

\*\*\*\* BEAN - British comic Rowan Atkinson's jaggedly disproportionate features seem expressly designed to help him make funny faces, and in the new film based on his popular TV character, he has ample opportunity to do just that. Bit for bit, Bean is constructed of some of the zaniest and most delightful physical comedy of the last several years, although attempts to recount this humor in words ("and then he pnts a turkey in the microwave...") are bound to come up short, reducing the quirky comic logic of Bean's bearing to a laundry list of predictable and abrupt-sounding gags. Most of these routines, though, build gradually, ingeniously, through a careful-

What makes the film so funny in its light, TV-comedy sketch way is that both Myers and director Jay Roach clearly feel real affection for the movies and music of the hero's heyday, and as they set out to reconstruct the unmitigated tackiness of the era, as embodied by Austin, a surprising witfulness takes hold. With Elizabeth Hurley, Robert Wagner and Michael York. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

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00:05 Midnight Shorts
00:40 Herring's Head
1:05 Escape to the Sun (1972) - eight citizens of a totalitarian state decide to leave for the sands of Egypt
1:30 My Dear Brother - Arabic
18:00 Diles Mot Tout
18:30 Tastes
19:00 Religions of the World
19:30 Point of View
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Zombi
21:00 The New 20th Century - part 10: The City of Dreadful Operation Entebbe
22:00 Two to Tango - family matters
23:00 The Onedin Line

FAMILY CHANNEL

- 7:00 Good Evening
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Sivas (pt)
8:00 Dallas (pt)
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Zingara (pt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Due South
13:30 Wings
14:00 Dallas
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:40 Ricki Lake
16:30 Zingara
17:15 One Life to Live
18:00 Good Evening
18:30 Local Broadcast

SECOND SHOWING

- 22:00 The Europeans (1979) - a Merchant-Ivory adaptation of Henry James' novel about a European baroness and her bohemian brother. With Lee Remick
22:40 The Sandlot (1993) - the loves of a petite

EUROSPORT

- 8:00 Executive Lifestyles
8:00 The Ticket
8:20 NBC Nightly News
9:00 MSNBC News
9:00 Today
10:00 European Squawk Box
11:00 European Grand Prix
11:30 CIBC World Cup
13:45 USA (pt)
16:00 Extreme Games
18:00 Athletics: Italian Grand Prix
20:00 Motors Magazine
21:00 Extreme Games
22:00 Talking Car
22:00 Boxing
23:00 European's Strongest Man
1:00 Sailing Magazine
2:00 Extreme Games

STAR SPORTS

- 6:00 NFL - Kansas City Chiefs vs. Denver Broncos
8:00 Equine: Nations Cup
9:00 Trans World Sports
10:00 Motorcycling: Czech Grand Prix
12:30 Tennis: US Open
12:30 Tennis: US

MOVIES

JERUSALEM CINEMATHEQUE Saint Clara 5 - Three Films Based On Stories By Elgar Keret 7
Tatvan Cinema 8:30 G.G. Gil
Jerusalem Mall 8:30 G.G. Gil
Be'er-Sheva 8:30 G.G. Gil
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PRIME TIME TV

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Cryptic crossword puzzle with clues for across and down. Across: 1. Score fraction of a century; 4. It's to do with the marriage of Coonstance and Alan shortly going round prison; 8. Yorkshire terrier in Yorkshire; 9. This is a bit of a break; 11. Told to go after a booking; 13. HMS Britannia, for example; 15. It takes longer to deliver inferior armour; 18. Succulent fruit Irene can't cook; 21. Sound measure, we hear. Down: 2. Anna is to compose a short musical tune; 24. Atrocious crime in house in York initially; 25. Singla perhaps and not in a workers group; 26. A dark realignment in Senegal.

QUICK CROSSWORD

Quick crossword puzzle with clues for across and down. Across: 1. Highway; 4. Detached area; 7. Free; 9. Portico; 10. Ever-living; 11. Dove's call; 12. Irritation; 13. Central England; 16. Discouraging; 19. Beekeeper; 23. Bankrupt; 24. Eggs; 25. Boa; 26. Short; 27. Physician (colloq); 28. Sturdy; 29. Oh dear. Down: 2. Surprising; 3. Greek monetary unit; 4. Colloquialism; 5. Medal (anag); 6. Mrs Major; 8. Runway; 14. Presses clothes; 15. East; 17. Normal amount; 18. Narcotic plant; 20. Raccoon; 21. Architectural style; 22. Scyphant.

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**Jubilee year**  
Boris and Tatyana Leibovich and their son, Yevgeny, arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday from Siberia, one of 120 CIS families going to kibbutzim in a Jubilee Year project for new immigrants.

# Case dropped against Lieberman

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The case against Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, over his role in the Bar-On Affair, will be closed for lack of evidence, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein announced yesterday. He said that the case against businessman and Likud activist David Eppel would also be closed for the same reason. He noted that there were still suspicions against the two, but that they would not stand up in court. The police had investigated the alleged part played by the two in the short-lived appointment of Roni Bar-On as attorney-general for the past six months. The Likud last night described this as "a political investigation." Shortly before Pessah, Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel announced that they would indict MK Aryeh Duri for his part in the affair. Duri will soon

receive an answer with regard to a hearing on this matter, the Justice Ministry said last night.

But, at the time, Rubinstein and Arbel announced that there was insufficient evidence to indict Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi. They said, nevertheless, that further investigations into the roles allegedly played by Lieberman and Eppel were necessary.

"The investigation against me... should have been closed for lack of guilt and not for lack of evidence," Lieberman said, adding he was surprised at the wording of the announcement.

"With all due respect [to Rubinstein and Arbel], I know what I did in connection with the investigation," Lieberman said, "and I know that my deeds were flawless and reject any accusations against me."

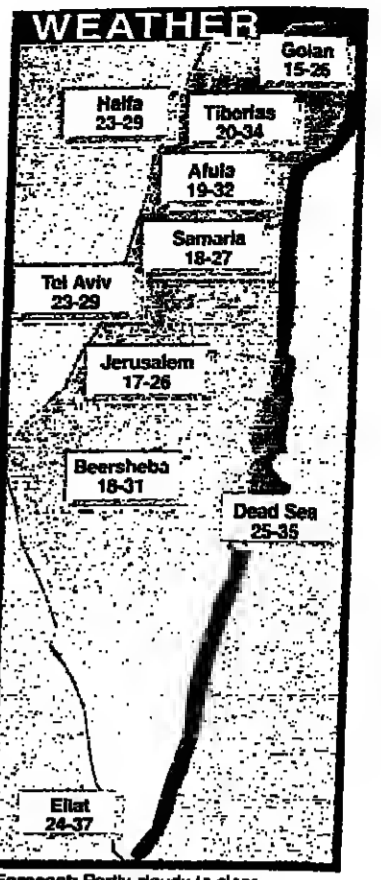
Lieberman said he had instructed his lawyer to study the material

and see what legal action he could take.

Eppel said that it was a "sad day for me - this is the second time they are doing this to me. A crime has been added to a crime. I had to threaten the state attorney until she made an announcement and I asked that she either clear me completely, or charge me."

Eppel said he had not been called "even once" to the State Attorney's Office. He declared that "the truth will out" when he takes Channel 1 to court on charges of libel. He charged that the investigation was politically motivated.

In a statement released last night, the Likud said: "Justice has come to light... A mountain was made out of a molehill. A political investigation has come to an end. Despite hopes and efforts, no charges could be brought against people in the Likud. This affair should teach people to be doubly careful when opening investigations against public figures."



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

### AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	WIND	PRECIP.
Amsterdam	14	57	21	70
Berlin	16	61	28	85
Buenos Aires	08	46	12	54
Caracas	21	70	22	80
Chicago	18	64	29	84
Copenhagen	18	66	24	75
Frankfurt	19	64	31	88
Geneva	18	64	23	73
Helsinki	07	45	20	68
Hong Kong	28	82	30	88
Jakarta	07	36	22	71
London	16	61	28	82
Los Angeles	13	55	22	72
Madrid	15	59	29	84
Manila	25	79	33	91
Montreal	07	45	13	55
Moscow	19	59	21	70
New York	12	50	28	82
Paris	15	59	21	70
Rome	19	66	27	80
Stockholm	15	59	19	66
Sydney	28	79	33	91
Tokyo	18	61	25	77
Toronto	18	61	25	77
Vienna	18	61	25	77
Zurich	18	61	25	77

### Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 3, 19, 20, 37, 45, and 49, and the additional number was 15.

In the daily Chance drawings, the winning cards were the ace of spades, 10 of hearts, 8 of diamonds, and ace of clubs, and the 7 of spades, 7 of hearts, 8 of diamonds, and ace of clubs.

## PM condemns nursery school arson

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday condemned the torching of the nursery school in Mevasseret Zion, affiliated with the Reform movement, saying "it was a very serious, revolting and abhorrent act, and under no conditions should arguments on these issues result in any kind of violence," according to a statement released by Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer called the arson "a terrorist act." He said that no one had the moral, legal, or ethical right to use any kind of violence against an educational or any other institution.

Hammer called for anyone who could help apprehend those responsible to do so, and for them to be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

"Disagreements must not be permitted to spill over into violence. The State of Israel is a democratic state, and anyone who wants to have the right to open a nursery school based on fits or ber views,"

he said. Hammer ordered the ministry's Development Authority to do all it can to make sure the kindergarten is ready for operation as soon as possible.

"The best answer to those who committed this arson will be the restoration of the kindergarten in as short a time as possible, and we will make a special effort to ensure that the children will be able to learn there shortly," he said.

The Development Authority has located an available building for the nursery school.

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) praised Hammer for his condemnation of the arson, and asked him to call on the leaders of the haredi and Orthodox communities to openly condemn it.

Cohen, who lives in Mevasseret Zion, said that the arson was an act of vandalism and that if steps are not taken to uproot the spiritual and political beliefs behind it, those responsible will start burning children.

Elli Wohlgelernter contributed to this report.

## Schools in Acre, Arab sector remain closed

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Schools in Acre, except special education institutions, remained closed for the second straight day yesterday. Representatives of local residents and the municipality are demanding that the city be recognized as a Development Town A, which they say they were promised, and that NIS 8 million be transferred to the town's educational system for enrichment programs.

The strike is keeping home some 13,000 pupils, from kindergartens through high school.

Schools in the Arab sector remained closed yesterday for the second day of a three-day strike called to protest against the lack of proper educational facilities, particularly a shortage of some 1,500 classrooms and special education programs.

Parents of pupils in the Safed Comprehensive School are also keeping their children home, with the parents association saying there are severe safety problems, including a wall in a nearby structure they say endangers pupils.

Education Ministry officials denied this claim.

## Bucharest envoy discusses Romanian workers' plight

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The conditions in which Romanian contract laborers work in Israel were discussed at an introductory meeting Monday between Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur and Bucharest's newly-appointed ambassador to Israel, Gheorghe Popescu.

Officials said it was not the main issue on the two diplomats' agenda, however. The workers' status has become a controversial issue in both countries of late.

A Romanian publication contended that the working conditions verge on slave labor and the Israeli press has carried lurid stories of the alleged gang rape of an Israeli veterinarian by four Romanian nationals.

In a memorandum sent simultaneously to six of the directors-general of six government min-

istries, Bentsur wrote: "Without relating to the social aspect of the existence of foreign workers in such great numbers, the dependence on cheap labor, the exploitation and the absence of proper wages and living conditions as well as the lack of social services and the creation of virtually autonomous islands populated by foreign nationals in Israel's cities, I believe we must examine this phenomenon from a political standpoint as well."

Bentsur said the foreign ministry opposes bilateral agreements on the import of manpower despite requests from various countries to that end.

Bentsur urged his colleagues to prevent exploitation, mistreatment and cheating of foreign workers and said the foreign ministry was seeking to minimize the harm being done to Israel's image by their situation here.

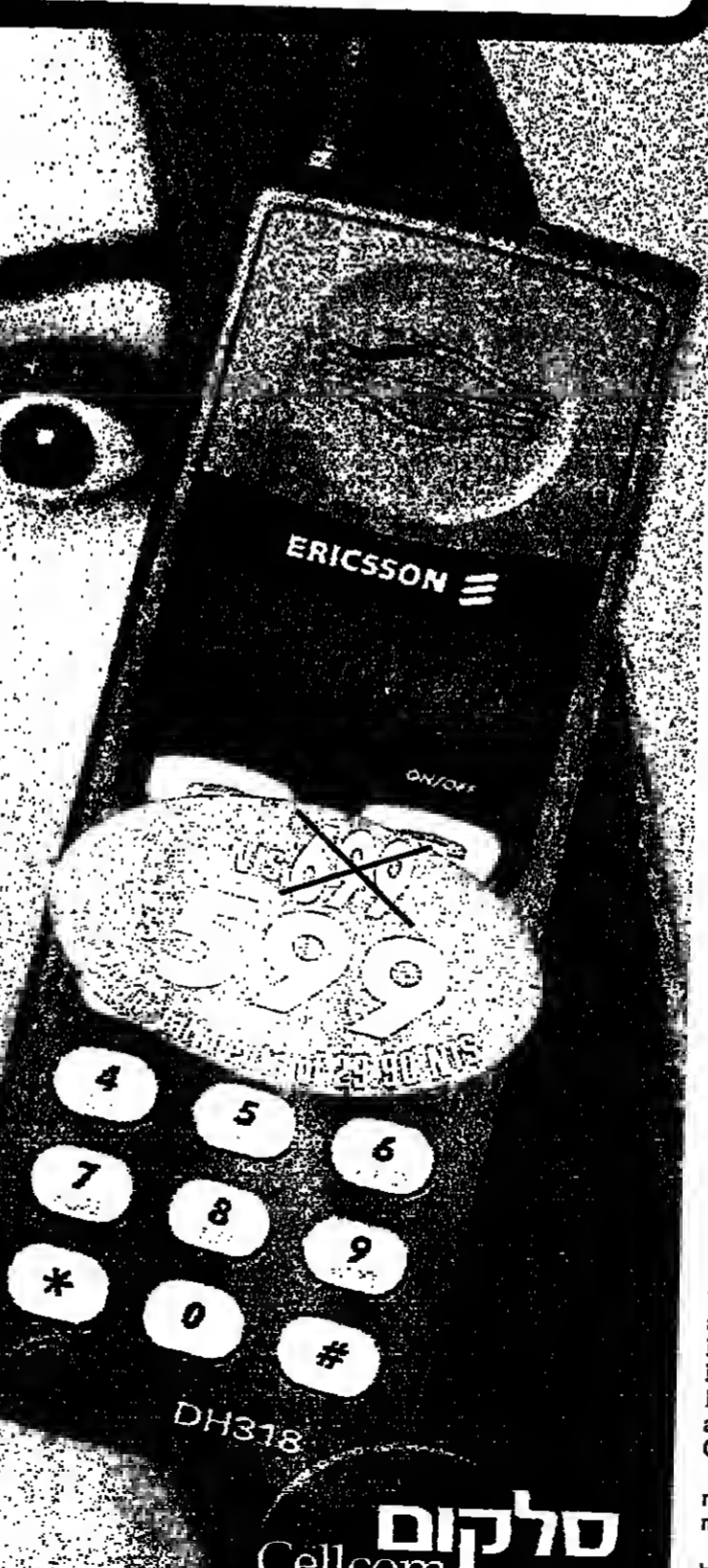
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